Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee Monday, June 15, 2015, 4:30 PM Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis Phillips Vice-Mayor Mike McIntire Alderman John Clark Alderman Colette George

Alderman Andy Hall Alderman Tom Segelhorst Alderman Tom C. Parham

City Administration
Jeff Fleming, City Manager
J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney
James H. Demming, City Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Phillips.

2. ROLL CALL: By Deputy City Recorder Marshall.

- 3. WORK SESSION TICKLER. Assistant City Manager Chris McCartt invited everyone to the ribbon cutting for the ball fields. Mayor Phillips commented on the positive sales tax numbers. Alderman Segelhorst commented on the injury reports from the school system. Ms. Lucy Fleming gave an update on the carousel, noting an inspector had come out to the site and stated it was one of the best built he had seen in a long time in Tennessee. City Manager Fleming pointed out Item VI.D.7 on the agenda was to accept the donation of the roundhouse and everything else regarding the carousel. Some discussion followed.
- 4. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE JUNE 16, 2015 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA. City Manager Fleming, members of staff and community members gave a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. Those items the Board discussed at greater length or which received specific questions or concerns included:
- VI.A.1 Amend Zoning of 376 Bob Jobe Property Located Off Interstate 26, Exit 13 (AF: 132-2015). City Planner Ken Weems gave a presentation on this item, noting the downgrading of the zone. There was some discussion and Mr. Weems answered questions from the board.
- VI.B.1 Budget Ordinance to Transfer Funds for the Landfill New Cell Construction Project (AF: 161-2015). City Manager Fleming explained the funds would come from active projects as temporary borrowing, noting they will be replaced in about three months.
- VI.B.2 Amend Various Code Sections Pertaining to Code Enforcement Officers (AF: 169-2015). Mayor Phillips expressed his concerns with code enforcement. He asked the board to pull this item until it could be looked at further by staff to simplify the process and provide Melanie Adkins the ability to issue warning citations, similar to those issued by the police. There was considerable discussion.

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- VI.D.1 Consider Christmas Eve as an Official City Holiday for Employees (AF: 155-2015). Human Resources Director George DeCroes provided information on this item, noting the city currently has nine observed holidays. This would make ten and allow employees to plan for it every year. He pointed out Johnson City observes ten holidays while Elizabethton and Bristol observe twelve holidays. City Manager Fleming noted this allows Kingsport to keep up with everyone else.
- **VI.D.2** Purchase Equipment for 1-Hour Lunch at Dobyns-Bennett (AF: 162-2015). David Frye gave details on this item, noting the cafeteria cannot handle all of the students. This will provide other areas for the students and upgrade the computers in the cafeteria line.
- VI.D.4 Award Bid for \$1.19 Million for 2015 Contracted Paving (AF: 165-2015). City Manager Fleming listed the locations for the paving Assistant Public Works Director Michael Thompson provided further details and answered questions. Some discussion followed.
- VI.D.5 Approve Lease with Eastman Chemical Company for Radio Tower Site in Bays Mountain Park (AF: 159-2015). Alderman Segelhorst questioned the amount of a \$1 lease, noting he remembered previous discussion in the past. City Attorney Billingsley stated it could be changed to \$10.
- VII.1 Approval of Easements and Rights-of-Way for Emory Church Sewer Project (AF: 166-2015). City Manager Fleming noted Alderman Hall would be recusing himself from this item.

BOARD COMMENT. None.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Mayor Phillips commented on the Sullivan Street paving project. City Manager Fleming confirmed Church Circle would also be paved and the sidewalk would be finished in concrete. Alderman Segelhorst commented on a recent advertisement for the new dog park by PEAK which features City Planner Corey Shepherd.

8. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

JOHN CLARK
Mayor